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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official action of September 11, 2009, for which a reply is due by October 11, 2009, or the next business day thereafter, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.